Allocations to Assam under IRDP and JRY

*208 SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation of funds to Assam Government under the Integrated Rural Development Programme and lawahar Rozgar Yojana during last three years;

(b) whether Government have instituted any independent agency to evaluate the funds of IRDP and JRY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) Central allocation of funds to Assam Government under Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during last three years is indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Years		
1996-97		1997-98	1998-99
Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP)	1371.75	1417.12	5246.36
Jawahar Rozgar Yojana	4574.54	5111.22	15077.00

Government, through independent agencies/research institutions, have conducted two rounds of concurrent evaluation of JRY and five rounds of concurrent evaluation of IRDP in Assam.

Review of Tada Cases by NHRC

*209. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the TADA detainees are in jails without trial for the past six years, State
wise;

(b) how long a detainee can be jailed without trial and whether the term spent in jail is counted in case of his conviction and sentence;

(c) whether all the cases of detainees in jail for the past six years have been reviewed by the high level review committee;

(d) if not, whether it amounts to violation of human rights; and

(e) whether Government would consider to get the TADA cases beyond three years reviewed by the National Human Rights Commission; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (e) Separate figures regarding TADA cases pending investigation and trial are not maintained in the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, during an administrative review of the pending TADA cases in various States it was found that most of the pending TADA cases are under trial and very few cases except in certain States were pending investigation. The States where comparatively larger number of cases were pending investigation were advised to expedite the investigation during a time frame and either file chargesheet in these cases or drop charges under TADA. It is basically the discretion of the Court to continue the accused on judicial remand or enlarge on bail pending investigation. Section 428 of the Code of Criminal Procedure provides that the period of detention undergone by the accused as an under-trial shall be set of against the sentence of imprisonment.

The Central Review Committee chaired by the Union Home Secretary has reviewed all the pending TADA cases of the Central Bureau of Investigationn. Similarly, the State Review Committees headed by Chief Secretaries except in case of Maharashtra where it is headed by a retired Judge of the High Court have also reviewed all the pending TADA cases pertaining to their States. Therefore, there is no question of violation of Human Rights of the detenues.

The pending TADA cases are being reviewed by the Central Review Committee in respect of cases of Central Bureau of Investigations and by the concerned State Review Committees in respect of cases of the State Police Organisations as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Kartar Singh's case. As a result of these reviews TADA charges have been dropped against 23862 persons. The cases that are now pending relate